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PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS.

UNITED STATES.

RESOLUTIONS CONCERNING THE PLAGUE SITUATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.

[No. 1.]

Resolutions of mercantile joint committee.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *February 2, 1903.*

Whereas, the boards of health of other States and Territories have become alarmed at the reports of bubonic plague in San Francisco during the past three years ; and

Whereas, but 93 cases have been reported by all health authorities during a period of these thirty-five months, and that the last case reported was December 11, 1902 ; and

Whereas, the health authorities of 21 States and Territories, in a conference called for that purpose at Washington, January 19, declared that the presence of plague had "been established beyond debate by the investigations of Kellogg, of the city board ; by Pillsbury and Ryfkogel, of the State board ; by J. White, M. White, Flint, Currie, Carmichael, Blue, and Glennan, of the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service ; by Flexner, Barker, and Novy, a special commission acting under Federal authority ; by independent and disinterested investigators in Chicago, Boston, New York, Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, and Ann Arbor, working from material obtained in San Francisco ; by a case of human plague in Ann Arbor due to an accident in the handling of a culture of plague bacillus obtained in California," and said plague conference did attempt to declare a quarantine against California, to cause the transport service to be removed from San Francisco, and to place medical inspectors upon all the trains going out of the State, and but for the most strenuous efforts of Dr. Gardner, representative of the State board of health, could have succeeded in so doing ; and

Whereas, said Conference did demand that the city and State health authorities act in harmony with the Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service to carry out any sanitary regulations which that Service may deem necessary, or quarantine would be established against California, at its next meeting, to be held in April ; and

Whereas, the great interests of California and especially those of San

Francisco, demand that no neglect of our citizens should hinder the march of progress which has now been so happily begun; it is, therefore

Resolved, That this mercantile joint committee, consisting of the officers and other representatives of the State board of trade, the San Francisco board of trade, the San Francisco chamber of commerce, the merchants' association of San Francisco, the merchants' exchange of San Francisco, the manufacturers and producers' association of California, and the California promotion committee, hereby strongly urges the governor of the State and the mayor and supervisors of San Francisco to take such steps at once as shall secure a prompt cooperation of the boards of health of the city and the State, under the supervision of the Public Health and Marine Hospital Service, to the end that all danger from the bubonic plague may be eradicated; that all fears of infection may be removed; that the confidence of the boards of health of the other States and Territories may be restored, and that no injury, however remote may result to the foreign and interstate commerce, and to this end we hereby pledge to the officials of the State and city every aid and support of the various commercial bodies which we represent; and we also ask that the governor of the State and the mayor of the city join in the signing of the following statement:

Whereas, competent medical authority has declared that bubonic pest has existed to a limited extent in the restricted area known as Chinatown in San Francisco, the last case having been reported December 11, 1902, and although the health authorities have exercised sanitary supervision over this section in the past,

Nevertheless, this undersigned joint official statement is promulgated in accordance with the resolutions adopted at the conference of State health officers, held at Washington, D. C., January 19, 1903, as an assurance that there is no present or future danger from that disease, inasmuch as complete and harmonious action by all the health authorities concerned is hereby assured and will be maintained.

L. M. KING,
Secretary.

MERCANTILE JOINT COMMITTEE.
FRANK J. SYMMES,
Chairman.

Representing California State board of trade, San Francisco board of trade, San Francisco chamber of commerce, merchants' association of San Francisco, merchants' exchange of San Francisco, manufacturers and producers' association of California, California promotion committee.

[No. 2.]

Supplementary official statement.

SAN FRANCISCO, CAL., *February 2, 1903.*

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GEO. C. PARDEE,
Governor.

M. GARDNER, M. D.,
Representative State Board of Health.

E. E. SCHMITZ,
Mayor, San Francisco.

A. P. O'BRIEN, M. D.,
Health Officer, San Francisco.

A. H. GLENNAN,
Surgeon, Public Health and Marine Hospital Service.

ARTHUR R. BRIGGS,
Vice-President California State Board of Trade.

A. A. WATKINS,
President San Francisco Board of Trade.

GEORGE A. NEWHALL,
President San Francisco Chamber of Commerce.

FRANK J. SYMMES,
President Merchants' Association of San Francisco.

GEORGE W. MCNEAR,
President Merchants' Exchange of San Francisco.

A. SEARBORO,
Manufacturers and Producers' Association of California.

RUFUS P. JENNINGS,
California Promotion Committee.

Statistical reports of States and cities of the United States—Yearly and monthly.

COLORADO—*Denver*.—Month of December, 1902. Estimated population, 150,000. Total number of deaths, 242, including diphtheria, 11; enteric fever, 3; scarlet fever, 2, and 57 from tuberculosis.

CONNECTICUT—*Hartford*.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 83,000. Total number of deaths, 141, including diphtheria, 8; measles, 7; whooping cough, 5, and 12 from tuberculosis.

STAMFORD.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 20,000. Total number of deaths not reported. Six deaths from diphtheria, 2 from enteric fever, 6 from measles, and 2 from scarlet fever.

GEORGIA—*Augusta*.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 42,441. Total number of deaths, 56, including enteric fever, 1, and 5 from tuberculosis.

COLUMBUS.—Month of January, 1903. Estimated population, 19,303—white, 10,276; colored, 9,027. Total number of deaths, 25—white, 8; colored, 17; including 3 from phthisis pulmonalis.